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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: NIE-27/1: Chinese Communist Capabilities and Intentions with Respect to Taiwan

1. Subject estimate was scheduled on an urgent basis pursuant to IAC action on 24 January. IAC agency contributions were requested and received and a draft prepared on the basis of that priority.
2. The conclusions reached after reviewing the evidence are negative; i.e., we believe the Communists will not launch a military attack of any type against Taiwan through mid-1952.
3. Accordingly, the Board now proposes a change in priority assigned this estimate to "high" in order to give the agencies more time to consider the attached draft. The IAC will be asked to confirm this tentative change in scheduling at its 7 February meeting.
4. Pending IAC confirmation, we have requested that the IAC representatives meet at 10:00 Monday, 11 February.

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